

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al.

Confirmation No.

Application No.:

Group Art Unit:

Filing Date: February 6, 2004

Examiner:

For: COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO DEVICES  
AND METHOD FOR USING THE COUPLING

Atty. Docket No.: 81421-4037

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed are copies of four (4) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references were cited in the international search report and a copy is enclosed.

These references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

No fee or certification is believed to be due for this submission since the references are being submitted concurrent with the filing of this application. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to **Winston & Strawn Deposit** Account No. 50-1814.

Date: 2/6/04

Respectfully submitted,

  
Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256)

**WINSTON & STRAWN LLP**  
**CUSTOMER NO. 28765**  
(212) 294-3311

Enclosures

<b>LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>					ATTY. DOCKET NO.:	APPLICATION NO.:	
					81421-4037		
					APPLICANT:		
					Lasse L. HESSEL et al.		
FILING DATE: February 6, 2004					GROUP:		

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,664,661	5/1987	Ferguson	604	342	
	AB	4,826,496	5/1989	Ferguson	604	339	
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AF	EP 0 988 843	3/2000	Europe			X	
	AG	WO 02/09629	2/2002	PCT			X	
	AH							
	AI							
	AJ							
	AK							
	AL							

**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

AM	
AN	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.